

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Finally, the long-awaited break is upon us. I am so appreciative of how the various stakeholders (pupils, parents and staff) just got on with what needed to be done. Whilst reading the foreword to a book by Stephen Covey, it brought home to me something I always knew but could not really express, that we at Hillcrest are interdependent. We need each other. Hillcrest is dependent on the parents for Fees and the parents depend on the school for a good education for their children. Your children come to school to be educated and we need students to educate. I am sure the reality is a lot more complex and if we think more on this, we will all realise that we do need each other. Success is rarely an isolated event. A top athlete may have the talent, but the encouragement of parents and friends, the coaches, the managers and the schools all contribute to provide the opportunities, the encouragement and the improvements which allow the athlete to succeed. An author always has an acknowledgement section where they pay tribute to the many people who have had a helping hand in what they do. The sooner we realise fully that we all play an integral role in the education of our children, the sooner we will look for ways so we can all contribute towards this process. So from me, a big thank you to all parents, students and staff for playing your part which in turn enabled us to complete this first part in a demanding journey.

### 1. Consultation

We had consultation for parents on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June for Day Scholars and on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June for Boarders. The turn-out was impressive and I would like to thank all the parents for making the time to consult with the various teachers about your children.

### 2. CrestCan & Tackie Day

CrestCan is a Cancer Awareness Club run by some of our senior students and a staff member. Each year CrestCan holds a Fundraising Tackie Day and CrestCan Walk and these two events were held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June respectively. The Club managed to raise the following amounts;

	Tackie Day	CrestCan Walk
USD	\$ 180.00	\$ 290.00
ZWL	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 1,370.00
Ecocash	\$ 16,120.00	\$18,000.00

The funds have been donated to Mutare Island Hospice.

### 3. Inter-House Drama

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June we had our Inter-House Drama and the results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Position - Bvumba (108 points)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Position - Nyangani (105 points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Position - Chimanimani (75 points)

#### 4. Reports

Parents can now access Senatical to view your children's reports and progress for this term.

#### 5. Uniform Policy

Each Student received a detailed Uniform Policy to guide Parents and Students on the correct Hillcrest College Uniform and how we expect it to be worn every day to school during the term. Please take the time to read the policy with your children to make sure that we are all on the same page from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term onwards. Please note that we will carry out random Uniform Spot Checks and Uniform Blitz to make sure that every student is dressed appropriately.

Please note that we will continue with Winter Uniform in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term.

#### 6. Office Hours

The office will be open between 8.00am and 4.00pm during the holiday.

#### 7. 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Dates

28 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Boarders return to Hostel
29 <sup>th</sup> June	-	School Opens
6 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> August	-	Mid-Term Break
10 <sup>th</sup> September	-	School Closes for End of Term

### **OFF MR. MUTANGADURA'S DESK**

#### 1. Term 1 2021 Consultations

An opportunity to appraise parents and guardians on their child's academic progress was taken up by most parents who managed to engage their teachers using various platforms and adjusted face to face consultations. This continuous assessment was of necessity and was maintained to adequately prepare learners for their next academic stage.

#### 2. 5<sup>th</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 1<sup>st</sup> Term Holiday

The long awaited break is finally here and everyone deserves a well-earned rest before schools re-open on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June.

#### 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Term School Uniform

Next term's school uniform remains unchanged being **Winter** term uniform.

#### 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Sport

The school will concentrate mainly on Hockey and Rugby skills, with Cricket, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball and Tennis taken as clubs. Personal kit is a must have.

#### 5. 2021 Grade 7 ZIMSEC Registration

Concerned parents have been notified and will be billed accordingly:

Candidates in Public Schools	-	ZWL \$158.00
Candidates in Private Schools and Colleges	-	ZWL \$350.00

#### 6. Cambridge Checkpoint Fees Deadline

Primary Checkpoint candidates pay **25.00 POUNDS** per subject for their 3 subjects. **Deadline for payment is Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.**

#### 7. National Institute of Allied Arts Speech and Drama Festival

Soloists, duets and choristers are polishing up their acts in preparation for virtual performances during and after the holiday. Wishing them all the best.

#### 8. National Institute of Allied Arts Visual Arts Festival

Please encourage your children to use the holiday creatively by going through the syllabus sent home last month and attempting various **Mixed Media Designs** as per requirements. (Only 2 dimensional).

## 9. Congratulations to **Merit and Effort winners** for this week!

Class	Merit Name of Pupil(s)	Merit Reason for commendation	Effort Name of Pupil(s)	Effort Reason for commendation
1M	M. Chimhepo	For neat presentation of work throughout the Term.	K. Chimbetete	For consistent effort in all his work throughout the Term.
1T	All Grade 1T learners.	For running all their races very well on their Sports day.		
2M	Z. Zviuya, M. Chibaya	Writing the most interesting stories	O. Magumise	Shaping her letters very well
3C	T. Jam & J. Dhliwayo	pleasing standard of work in all subjects	A. Munyamana	pleasing effort in both homework and class work
3M	N. Tanaya, M. Chuma & A. Musikavanhu	For coming top in the end of Term Assessment Tests-Well done! Keep it up!	M. Chitinha	For being the most improved learner in the end of Term Assessment Tests_ keep going Mufaro, the sky is the limit.
4M	The whole class-Grade 4M	For an amazing 1st term, your determination and hardwork is greatly appreciated. Enjoy the break		
4D	N. Muyambo	For behaving very well this term	N. Chidodo	Great improvement in handwriting
5S	J. Phiri	High House point score for diligence	N. Mukome	High House point score for working hard
5N	K. Chimbetete, R. Nyanhete & T. Chawota	Working diligently throughout the term.		
6B	Both classes	For enduring hard work and a long term	Allied Arts Contestants	For diligent practise
6C	K. Taziva, M. Mutsemi & K. Chakandinakira	Consistency during the whole term.	C. Pemhenayi	Showing a positive attitude towards his work.
7N	Whole class	For working diligently in all subjects.		
7W	T. Kandini & S. Nyamande	For scoring high marks in the English Revision Tests	C. Mutama & R. Ganda	For grasping percentage concepts in Maths with ease.
ICT	L. Matiashe, M.Kuzomunhu, S. Chikukwa, S.Makombe & S. Zuze	Pleasing progress in Timetable Rockstars competitions.	M. Evans, 5s	Scoring the highest points total (971) in the April timetable Rockstars competition

I would like to thank you all again for the unwavering support you continue to give to the school and your children. The last few months have not been easy to navigate through but we managed with your support. I am also glad that all the students have managed to return home in good health; I cannot over-emphasise the need to remain conscious of the world we are living in today - we need to look after ourselves and continue to observe the Covid-19 Protocols.

Do have a good and restful holiday with your children.

Kind regards,



**ORLANDO FERNANDES**  
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